

Wednesday, May 9

Workshop Track Descriptions - 8:00-12:00

PUBLIC HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

TITLE	Speaker	Description
Horizontal Integration HHS to DHS	Capt. Janet D Odom FEMA Region V	An overview of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and their interaction and integration on a daily, non-disaster and preparedness basis. The primary focus will be the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). NDMS started in HHS and moved to DHS when it was created in 2003. Effective January 1, NDMS will move back to HHS where the agency will permanently reside
Medical Response Resources at the Federal Level	William Drake	TBD
Infusing Disability Literacy and Competency in Emergency Planning	Ms. June Isaacson Kailes	Who are people with disabilities and functional limitations? This session will discuss the importance of, and how to include qualified people with disabilities and functional limitations in planning and response activities. Ms. Isaacson will also discuss specific, realistic and useful advice in accessible and usable formats and language in preparedness materials targeting this group.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TITLE	Speaker	Description
Finding Humor in the Crazy World of EMS: Welcome to the Dark Side	Steven W. Berry	Those working in the field of emergency medicine often times respond to scenes involving horrific trauma and death, and yet they must not only keep working the remainder of their shift, but they must do it again the next day and the next. How do they do it? Join Steve as he encourages us to enhance our sense of healthy humor while touching your heart with hope and understanding.
Interoperability and the Emergency Alert System	Larry Estlack, CPBE Director of Technology Panel	Join this group discussion regarding Interoperability Planning and the status of the Emergency Alert System for public warning in Michigan. Regions will provide updates on planning and spending as together we strive to meet local, state, and federal goals.

CITIZEN CORPS

TITLE	Speaker	Description
Citizen Corps: A Federal, Regional and State Perspective	Jackie Snelling, Citizen Corps Program, Washington DC	These Citizen Corps program managers will give you an overview of current and future program initiatives from the federal, regional and state viewpoint.
	Jim Opoka, Region V Citizen Corps Program Manager	
	Jay Roorbach, Michigan Citizen Corps Program Manager	
“Perspectives in Managing Volunteers”	Denise Hubbard, Coordinator Volunteer Connections of Montcalm County Janet Lawson, Director Ford Volunteer Corps, Ford Fund and Community Service George Aren, Director of Emergency Services, Salvation Army of SE Michigan Janet Clark, Director R.S.V.P. Lansing Chapter	Is the success of your organization based on the work and attitude of your volunteers? Managing volunteers is both an art and a science, so it is vital to ensure that those responsible for volunteers have the necessary skills, experience and support to do the job well. Join us for a discussion by a panel of experts in volunteer management for resources to recruit, oversee, support and recognize this invaluable resource.
Weather Spotting	Mike Heathfield, NOAA	Learn about the basic fundamentals, formation, and correct identification of severe weather here in Michigan. You will be able to take the information you learn in this workshop and teach your Citizen Corps volunteers these important and critical techniques.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PUBLIC/PRIVATE

TITLE	Speaker	Description
NIPP	TBD	TBD
Site Assessment Visits (SAV) and SAV Teams		
Critical Infrastructure Protection – Public/Private Partnerships	Brit Weber Michigan State University	This workshop will discuss the benefits and challenges of developing partnerships between the public sector (police, fire, EMS, health, emergency management) and the private sector (businesses and non-profit organizations) for critical infrastructure protection, using an all hazards approach. MSU, through their CIP Program (funded by DHS) works directly with cities, counties and regions across the nation in facilitating public-private partnerships. Their program is in 31 communities in 19 states, and they have trained over 2,000 administrators, directors, chiefs, executives and managers.

RESPONSE

TITLE	Speaker	Description
Federal Incident Response Support Teams (FIRST) equipment, capabilities, and working relationships with state and local jurisdictions	Eric L. Gentry FIRST, Team Leader DHS-FEMA Region V	The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Federal Incident Response Support Team (FIRST) is designed to be a highly responsive and flexible Federal incident management team that will operate within the Incident Command System (ICS) framework of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) under the National Response Plan (NRP). The FIRST is a forward extension of the Emergency Response Team-Advanced (ERT-A) providing the ERT-A Team Leader, and after a Stafford Act Declaration the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO), with the capability to support State and local response on scene.
Successfully Managing the Extended Incident	Paul Kollmeyer	Incident managers routinely direct resources to support and stabilize emergency situations. Rarely, however, do these incidents last beyond the operational period, This session will concentrate on preparations for the ongoing incident lasting weeks, Understand the importance of doing a complexity analysis; learn strategies for developing operations objectives to avoid mission creep; discover ways to plan for resources in an 24/7 environment; and hear an explanation on the advantages of having a set incident management team and how to blend it with multiple agencies and jurisdictions.
Radiological Assistance Program (RAP) Mission	Stuart Rifkind	Representatives from the Department of Energy and the Argonne National Lab will overview the RAP mission and how the RAP team interacts with state and local first responders.

SCHOOL SECURITY/SAFETY PREPAREDNESS

TITLE	Speaker	Description
Partnerships for Planning	Sgt. Doug Lalone Mt Pleasant Police Department – Youth Services Unit	A well thought out and successful plan for ensuring safety in our schools today needs many partners. Law enforcement and schools can no longer do it alone. But who should come to the table and how do you bring them all together for a successful school safety plan? Sgt. LaLone will discuss developing successful partnerships to include law enforcement, schools, media, community and “other resources” within your county, as well as and how to think “outside the box” in finding funding resources for these successful partnerships.
Bomb Threats in Schools - Evaluation to Determine Appropriate Response	D/Sgt. Scott Hasse Michigan State Police Bomb Unit	To evacuate or not – that is the question. Does a bomb threat or suspicious package automatically require an evacuation protocol? By evacuating staff and students, are you putting them in more danger? School and law enforcement officials are well aware of the disruptive nature of bomb threats; however, most are still ordering the evacuation of school buildings even when there is a lack of credible information to warrant such a response. This session will address concerns and answer questions about proper procedures to follow and offer a rational approach to the bomb threat response.

COMMUNICATIONS

TITLE	Speaker	Description
Effective Presentations - Tools You Can Use	Dr. Mark Hansen, PhD, Michigan State University Extension	Are you hitting the target when talking to groups? Do the participants remain interested during your presentation or do they pull out their Blackberrys? Dr. Hansen will lead an interactive discussion on developing and giving an effective presentation. Based on his doctoral research, other university studies, and over 500 presentations, he will provide ideas on developing your presentation so that participants remain attentive and take home the message.
Effective Press Conferences and Briefings During High Visibility Events	Jim Vance	TBD